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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN CONGRESS RECESSES: DESIGNEES TO PRESIDENCY NAMED

1. ON MARCH 18 NCARAGUAN CONGRESS BEGAN ANNUAL ONE MONTH VACATION. UNDER NICARAGUAN SYSTEM OF PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION THE CONGRESS DESIGNATES THREE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SUCCEED TO THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THE PRESIDENT.THE PRESIDENT IS SUPPOSED TO SECRETLY INDICATE HIS PREFERENCE AMONG THE THREE.

2. IN THE LAST SESSION THE FOLLOWING DESIGNEES, ALL LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS, WERE SELECTED: SENATE PRESIDENT PABLO RENER VALLE, CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT DR. CORNELIO HUECK, SENATOR AND RE-TIRED GEN. ROBERTO MARTINEZ.

3. COMMENT: THE ONLY SURPRISE AMONG THE DESIGNEES IS DR. HUECK. HE PREVIOUSLY WAS DETERMINED TO BE CONSITTUTIONALLY INELIGIBLE TO SUCCEED TO THE PRESIDENCY BECAUSE NEITHER OF HIS PARENTS WERE NATIVE NICARAGUANS. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WAS SOME OUTCRY IN CONGRESS OVER THE DESIGNATION OF HUECK INCLUDING WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY. BUT THE CONSTITUTION WAS DISREGARDED AND HUECK'S DESIGNATION WAS PUSHED THROUGH BY ACCLAMATION. THE PRESIDENT MAY STILL REJECT HUECK'S DESIGNATION AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THEREBY BECOME THE CHAMPION OF CONSTITUTIONALISM; BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT HUECK WOULD

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NOT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PRESIDENT.
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